

Appendix B – Glossary of Acronyms and Definitions

Acronyms

ADC.....	Average Daily Census
AL.....	Assisted Living
BRC.....	Blind Rehabilitation Center
CAH.....	Critical Access Hospital
CARES.....	Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services
CBOC.....	Community Based Outpatient Clinic
CMS.....	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CWT.....	Compensated Work Therapy Program
DoD.....	Department of Defense
EU.....	Enhanced Use
EUL.....	Enhanced Use Lease
FTEE.....	Full Time Equivalent Employee
FY.....	Fiscal Year
GAO.....	General Accounting Office
GRECC.....	Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center
HSR&D.....	Health Services Research & Development
ICU.....	Intensive Care Unit
LTC.....	Long Term Care
MOA.....	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU.....	Memorandum of Understanding
NCPO.....	National CARES Program Office
NDAA.....	National Defense Authorization Act
NHCU.....	Nursing Home Care Unit
OPC.....	Outpatient Clinic
PTSD.....	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
RO.....	VBA Regional Office
SCI.....	Spinal Cord Injury
SCI&D.....	Spinal Cord Injury & Disorder
SOPC.....	Satellite Outpatient Clinic
SMI.....	Seriously Mentally Ill
Sq. Ft.....	Square Foot
VA.....	Department of Veterans Affairs
VACO.....	VA Central Office
VAMC.....	VA Medical Center
VBA.....	Veterans Benefits Administration
VHA.....	Veterans Health Administration
VISN.....	Veterans Integrated Service Network
VR&E.....	Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
VSO.....	Veteran Service Organization
VSSC.....	VISN Support Service Center

Definitions

Acute Care Hospital –Offers primary care, general internal medicine, and limited surgical and diagnostic capabilities.

Access guidelines-- Minimum percentage of enrollees living within a specific travel time to obtain a VA primary care, plus an absolute standard i.e., a specific number of enrollees living outside the access guidelines.

Capacity Planning Initiative -- A plan to meet large increases or decreases in inpatient or outpatient resources with the appropriate resources.

CARES (Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) --A planning process that evaluates future demand for veterans' health care services against current supply and realigns VHA capital assets in a way that results in more accessible, high quality health care for veterans.

CBOC (Community - Based Outpatient Clinic) -- VA operated, or contracted or leased healthcare facility geographically distinct or separate from parent medical facility.

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) -- Center for Medicare and Medicaid designation of hospitals that are located more than 35 miles from the nearest hospital; must have no more than 15 acute beds; ICU beds discouraged: cannot have length of stays (LOS) greater than 96 hours (except respite/hospice); and must be part of a network of hospitals.

Market Plan--- A description of proposed actions to meet the outpatient and inpatient needs for veterans for the next 20 years. It focuses on access, capital requirements, and potential realignments and consolidations.

Market share--The percentage of veteran population enrolled for healthcare services.

Planning Initiative (PI)-- A VACO identified future gap, potential overlap in services, large change in demand, or required access improvements for a market area that met specific thresholds and that need to be resolved.

Proximity – Two or more acute or tertiary hospital facilities with similar missions within close proximity of each other.

Small Facilities—Medical Centers that have a projected acute bed levels fewer than 40 beds in 2012 and 2022.

Tertiary Care Hospital—Provides a full range of basic and sophisticated diagnostic and treatment services across the continuum of care, including some of the most highly specialized services. Tertiary medical centers are generally affiliated with schools of

medicine, participate in undergraduate and graduate medical education, conduct clinical and basic medical research, and serve as regional referral centers.